

IN THE CLAIMS

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**D** 23. (Currently Amended) A carrying device for flat, box-shaped items, with the largest faces of the items arranged in vertical planes, which carrying device has a front for receiving the items, and a back, and comprises an upper retaining means elongate in a crosswise direction and a lower carrying means elongate in the crosswise direction, placed under the upper retaining means and extending in parallel and rigidly connected to the upper retaining means, said carrying means being provided with a substantially smooth and plane, essentially horizontal, ~~an~~ upper supporting surface and a stop for the items, the stop being adjacent to and placed behind the supporting face and elongate in the crosswise direction; said retaining means having on an underside thereof a rubber-elastic portion and a stop for the items, placed behind the rubber-elastic portion and elongated in the crosswise direction, said rubber-elastic portion having a lip facing towards and adapted to be engaged with an upper edge of an item, when said item is inserted into the carrying device.

24. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the lip points in a direction toward the stop of the retaining means.

25. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the lip has an edge facing the items.

26. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein ~~a~~the width of the carrying means from the front of the carrying device is less than 20 mm, measured from the stop of the carrying means.

27. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 26, wherein the width of the carrying means from the front of the carrying ~~device~~means is 5-15 mm, measured from the stop of the carrying means.

28. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 27, wherein the width of the carrying means from the front of said carrying means is about 10 mm, measured from the stop of said carrying means.

29. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the distance of the lip is less than 15 mm, as measured from the stop of the ~~carrying~~retaining means to the lip of rubber-elastic portion.

30. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 29, wherein ~~a~~the distance of the lip is

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less than 10 mm measured from the stop of the retaining means to the lip of the rubber-elastic portion.

31. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein a the distance of the lip is about 5 mm measured from the stop of the retaining means to the lip of the rubber-elastic portion.

32. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23 having a shelf protruding from the front of the carrying means arranged horizontally and vertically below the upper surface thereof.

33. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim ~~31~~32, wherein said shelf has steps extending in the crosswise direction.

34. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 33, wherein the steps are saw-tooth shaped with a low, steep or essentially vertical edge facing the stop of the carrying means.

35. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 34, wherein peaks of serrations of said saw-tooth shaped steps are positioned in a horizontal plane

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which is 0.2-1 mm below ~~a~~ the plane of ~~a~~ the supporting  
surface of the carrying means.

36. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 35, wherein the peaks of serrations of said saw-tooth shaped steps are positioned in a horizontal plane which is about 0.5 mm below the plane of the supporting surface of the carrying means.

37. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the retaining means and carrying means are connected by an essentially vertical wall which constitutes the two stops.

38. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the retaining means on a front thereof has holders to hold signs and labels.

39. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 38, wherein the holders to hold signs and labels are open channels in the front of the retaining means.

40. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the carrying means on a front thereof has holders to hold signs and labels.

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41. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 40, wherein the holders to hold signs and labels are open channels in the front of the carrying means.

42. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, comprising suspension means for suspension of the device on a wall.

43. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 42, having supporting means for support against a wall on which the carrying device is suspended.

44. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 43, wherein the supporting means are adjustable lengthwise.

45. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 44, wherein the supporting means are formed from pieces of an extruded rubber blank which in the crosswise direction is provided with longitudinal weakenings to permit a shortening of said rubber blank.

46. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23 having legs or feet for resting on a substantially horizontal support face.

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47. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 42, further comprising catching means for carrying an additional carrying device below the carrying device by suspension means on the additional carrying device.

48. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 47, wherein said catching means on the carrying device and said suspension means on the additional carrying device are adapted to be locked together, when said additional carrying device is suspended by the suspension means from the catching means of the carrying device.

49. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 48, wherein the interlocking arrangement is provided by a recess in both the suspension means and the catching means forming together a channel when assembled, in which channel a stiff wire is inserted and thus locking the suspension means and the catching means together.

50. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein said carrying device is of a form which is ~~being~~ elongated in the crosswise direction and has an essentially constant cross section.

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51. (Currently Amended) A carrying device according to claim 50, wherein the supporting structure of said carrying device is constituted of an extruded, elongated metal blank.

52. (Previously Added) A carrying device according to claim 23, wherein the flat, box-shaped items are selected from a group comprising cassettes, tiles, covers, and in particular compact discs in covers.

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